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1. SPANISH PRIME MINISTER SUAREZ DEPARTED BONN EARLIER TODAY AFTER WHAT APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN A SUCCESSFUL TWO-DAY VISIT AND A REAFFIRMATION OF FRG SUPPORT FOR SPANISH ACCESSION TO THE COMMUNITY. WHILE WE WILL BE REPORTING FURTHER ON THE SUAREZ VISIT IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS, WE WISH TO PASS ALONG SUBSTANTIVE PORTIONS OF A JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE HELD BY CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT AND SUAREZ ON NOVEMBER 3. THE FOLLOWING EXCERPTS DEAL WITH THE QUESTION OF SPANISH EC MEMBERSHIP.

2. CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT BEGAN HIS REMARKS WITH THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

QUOTE: I WOULD LIKE TO USE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO UNDER-
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LINE ONCE AGAIN THAT THE FRG SUPPORTS WITHOUT RESERVATION THE ENTRY OF SPAIN INTO THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY; NATURALLY, WE ARE AWARE OF THE ECONOMIC, FINANCIAL, AND STRUCTURAL PROBLEMS THAT WILL RESULT. THESE ARE PROBLEMS WHICH WILL HAVE TO BE OVERCOME IN SPAIN AS WELL AS IN THE OTHER COUNTRIES OF THE COMMUNITY. SPANISH ENTRY WILL TAKE PLACE DURING THE

SAME TIME FRAME IN WHICH THE ENTRY OF GREECE AND PORTUGAL WILL SIMILARLY BE NEGOTIATED. THE OVERCOMING OF THESE DIFFICULTIES, AFTER AN APPROPRIATE NEGOTIATION, WILL CERTAINLY LEAD TO A TRANSITIONAL PERIOD WHICH WILL NOT EXACTLY BE OF SHORT DURATION. HOWEVER, HERE ON THE OCCASION OF THIS VISIT BY PRIME MINISTER SUAREZ, I WOULD LIKE ONCE AGAIN TO UNDERLINE THE FUNDAMENTAL, UNQUALIFIED GERMAN READINESS TO WELCOME SPAIN AS A MEMBER OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY.

QUESTION: MR. CHANCELLOR: DO YOU FORESEE THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS ON THE ACCESSION OF THE THREE COUNTRIES WILL BE COMBINED, SINCE YOU SAID IN THE SAME BREATH THAT THEY OCCURRED WITHIN THE SAME TIME FRAME?

ANSWER: AS FAR AS I CAN SEE, THE INSTITUTIONS OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY WILL NEGOTIATE WITH EACH OF THE THREE COUNTRIES INDIVIDUALLY. IF I JUDGE THE SITUATION CORRECTLY, THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH GREECE ARE POSSIBLY ALREADY SOMEWHAT BETTER PREPARED THAN THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH SPAIN AND PORTUGAL.

QUESTION: MR. CHANCELLOR: WHEN PRIME MINISTER SUAREZ WAS HERE SOME EIGHT MONTHS AGO, YOU PREDICTED THAT THE FULL INCORPORATION OF SPAIN INTO THE EC WOULD TAKE SOME TEN YEARS. HOW LONG DO YOU ESTIMATE IT WILL

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TAKE BEFORE SPAIN BECOMES A FULL MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY?

ANSWER: I DON'T WANT TO ALLOW MYSELF TO BE MADE A MEMBER OF THE SOCIETY OF PROPHETS. FIRST OF ALL, THE ACCESSION NEGOTIATIONS WILL HAVE TO BE CARRIED OUT AND COMPLETED. AFTER THAT THE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD WILL BEGIN. I WOULD EXPECT, HOWEVER, THAT THE LENGTH OF THE NEGOTIATIONS AND THE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD FOR BOTH IBERIAN COUNTRIES CAN NOT DIFFER SUBSTANTIALLY FROM ONE ANOTHER. UNQUOTE.

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